

## ANNOUNCES HE IS A CANDIDATE

Former Congressman Ben F. Caldwell to Seek gubernatorial Nomination.

### ON DEMOCRATIC TICKET

Is So Far Only Avowed Party Leader in the Field—Record in Public Life.

Former Congressman Ben F. Caldwell of Sangamon county is the first democrat in Illinois to formally announce his candidacy for the party nomination for governor. While such democrats of sterling worth and fitness as Hon. E. W. Hurst of Rock Island, Hon. Samuel A. Schuler of Chicago, Hon. E. P. Dunn of Chicago, Hon. George W. Fithron of Sullivan and others have been discussed and urged by their friends, none of these has as yet made formal announcement in his own behalf, yet some of them will doubtless be in the race for the nomination when the time comes.

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
Mr. Caldwell's announcement is as follows:

"I am a candidate for governor, subject to the decision of the democratic primary to be held Tuesday, April 9, 1912.

"Whether nominated or defeated for nomination, I will under no circumstances again be a candidate for nomination, and if nominated, whether elected or defeated at the polls I will under no circumstances be a candidate for or accept re-nomination.

"If nominated and elected I will be honest and industrious, and will, to the best of my ability as a business man, inject clean business methods into the affairs of the state.

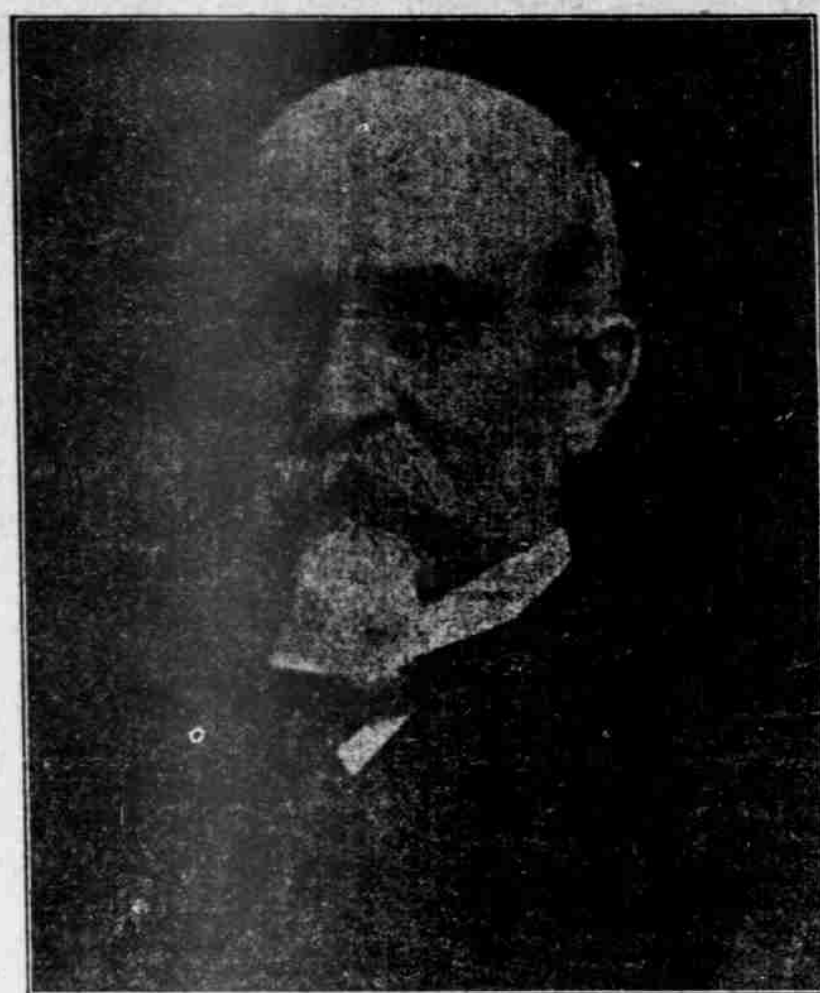
"I will, so far as the executive and his duties under the constitution and laws are concerned, keep that office entirely separate and apart from the legislative and judicial branches of the state government. I will not personally or officially to the slightest extent have anything whatever to do with the organization of either branch of the general assembly nor will I attempt to influence the appointment of any committee or committees of the senate or house.

"The essential qualifications for appointment by the executive will be honesty, integrity and fitness for the position to be filled.

"I will insist on all members of all state boards giving ample time and personal attention to the institutions, and things committed to their care, and the failure of any board or any member of any board to give honest and good business service will result in an immediate demand upon the persons failing to give satisfactory service for his or her resignation.

"No appropriation bill will be approved if, upon examination, it appears that all or part thereof will be used to pay the salary or salaries of any person or persons who are regularly or for any considerable length of

HON. BEN F. CALDWELL OF SPRINGFIELD WHO IS ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR



time absent from their duties, nor will any bill be approved providing for the pay of useless or unnecessary employees of whatsoever kind.

"While I always have been a democrat and I am now seeking nomination as a member of that party, I am not, nor will I become identified with any faction or factions that may now or hereafter exist in that party.

"While I am willing to be known as a Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democrat, I am not willing to have the name of any living democrat prefixed to my name or attached to it to denote the kind of democrat I am.

"I intend to make an active and dignified campaign for nomination, and if nominated I intend to visit every county in the state.

"If nominated and elected I will bear in mind through my entire administration the above pledges and will keep them to the letter.

"BEN F. CALDWELL."

**HIS CAREER.**

Former Congressman Ben F. Caldwell, who resides where he has continuously for the last 58 years, on a farm two miles north of Chatham and nine miles southwest of Springfield, was born near Carrollton, Greene county, Illinois, Aug. 2, 1843. More than 30 years ago he was elected a member of the board of supervisors of Sangamon county, serving as chairman the last year he was a member of the board. He was elected to the house of the Illinois legislature in 1882 and re-elected to that body in 1884. He was elected to the Illinois state senate in 1890.

He was elected to congress in 1895, serving four terms and voluntarily retiring when re-nomination without op-

position was assured. He was elected to congress the last time by more than 5,000 plurality.

He introduced in the senate a bill reducing the rate of interest, which passed both branches and became a law, and he also introduced and succeeded in pushing to its passage the famous gross weight bill, which provides that all coal shall be weighed before it is screened.

Mr. Caldwell is a large real estate owner in Sangamon county, owning several fine farms near Chatham and Woodside.

He has been in the banking business for about 30 years. The business which he started at Chatham was named for him, being called the Caldwell State bank. He is one of those who founded the Farmers' National bank at Springfield, serving as its president 13 years, and resigning when he was first elected to congress in 1895.

Mr. Caldwell is one of the 37 surviving founders of the Illinois Bankers' association. He is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

While Mr. Caldwell continues to reside on his farm he has an office, 214 Odd Fellows' building, Springfield, where he transacts his private business.

He has always been a democrat and has never identified himself with any faction or factional fight in the democratic party.

While Mr. Caldwell was nominated for the Illinois house on the second ballot in 1882, he has never since for the house, senate or congress had opposition for nomination, but has always been nominated by acclamation.

his room at the hotel by a friend during the day, but it is presumed he drank the rest of the whisky during the rest of the day. When the landlady went to call him the next morning he was found dead in bed. The verdict was that he drank so much in so short a time that it killed him.

**NEW QUAIL STORY.**  
(Mather'sville Echo.)

T. G. McCullough was out after the quail a few hours this week, but the birds saw him coming and kept on the other side of the hedge.

**CHARLEY GETS MITTEN.**  
(Mather'sville Echo.)

Found—A pair of lady's gloves after the Odd Fellows' dance. Can be had from Charles Kirchman.

Clerk Charles Kirchman reports 24 applicants for the position of stenographer in answer to his advertisement in the Echo, but at present he has not been able to make a selection. He says it surely pays to advertise.

**WHO GOT THE WORST OF IT?**

A few days ago a clever trick was played on a Quincy saloonkeeper. A fellow walked into his saloon and asked for a pint of whisky. It was handed him when he remarked "charge this." But the saloonkeeper said no. The boozier handed back the supposed self same bottle of "jags" and then departed. Later it was discovered that the fellow had handed him a flask of vinegar and kept the real article.

**AN ENTERPRISING BARBER.**  
(Stark County News.)

J. C. Hartley will give away free one ticket to the firemen's dance to the person getting the largest amount of barber work done at his shop on Thursday.

**MEANEST MAN FOUND.**  
(Galva News.)

The stingiest man in Illinois has been discovered again. He talked for 30 minutes in an attempt to get six Red Cross Christmas stamps for a nickel.

**NOTE THE PREACHER GOT.**  
(Pontiac Leader.)

A clergyman received this note asking him to perform a marriage ceremony: "This is to give you notice that I and Miss Gemma Arabella Bearly is coming to your church Saturday for operation of matrimony at your hands. Please be prompt as the cab is hired by the hour."

**NEW CURE FOR DEAFNESS.**  
(Lacota Democrat.)

A story of extraordinary deafness was unfolded at a recent meeting of a medical society. An elderly lady, exceedingly hard of hearing, lived near the river. One afternoon a warship fired a salute of ten guns. The woman, alone in her little house, waited until the booming ceased. Then she smoothed her dress, brushed her hair back in a quaint manner and said sweetly, "Come in."

**FIRST ATTEMPT.**  
(Hillsdale Post.)

Under the direction of the Mystic Workers' lodge at Hillsdale, the members put on a home talent that has never been equaled. The list of the drama was taken from the scene of the Civil war, and devoted time to war, love and fun. We make mention of the ever interesting negro plays, under the role of "Susannah" and Uncle Mosley, taken by Miss C. Schwenneker and G. Oliver, respectively.

In this line it would be well to say a word for the brilliantly rendered tableau, in which the live wire reporter and Molly Martin starred. This part not only demonstrated the ability of the actors, but carried the entire house into an uproar of applause and laughter. Miss Kemper deserves unreserved credit for the way in which she carried the part of leading lady. Ed Mercer, in his difficult military and lover's role, brought back the spirit of the true blue and demonstrated the mainly true blue love in grand style.

Major Bradley, L. Oliver, carried his part for all there was in it, and he gave a treat in the form of a musical specialty between the second and third acts.

Mr. and Mrs. Dusenberry afforded amusement at times, and their adaptability to the parts made them all the more interesting. The latter mentioned

**WHEN YE ED IS IN NEED.**  
The editor of an obscure Dakota paper says: "A certain fastidious woman in this town kneads bread with her gloves on. That's nothing. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on. He needs it with his pants on. He needs it with his shirt on. And if the subscribers of this paper don't pony up mighty soon he'll need it without a darn thing on—and North Dakota is no Garden of Eden in the winter!"

**A WORD FOR THE MAN WHO LIKES BEANS.**

There was a man living in Cable, Who said he was perfectly able. Although he sometimes wore jeans, To take care of a wife All the rest of his life, But she must know how to cook beans.

So he took to the paper an ad, And he told of a nestegg he had, And he said he was out of his "teens." Such an ad was in the paper should bring Results that would cause him to sing. This man who was partial to beans.

I know we all wish him long life, May he get the right kind of a wife. Not one who will squander his means. I know he'll be wealthy some day, He will have no big bills to pay, If his fare is all simple as beans.

**"TWO'S COMPANY."**  
(Geneseo News.)

A Geneseo man found himself down below, waiting for a train. Along the platform moseyed a darkey, carrying a possum by the tail. The lonely Geneseoan brightened at the prospect of some fun. "Ah, there, going to have a banquet, Uncle?" he giggled. "Yah, Boss," smiled the coon.

"How many's invited?" "Two, Boss, me an' de possum."

**W. C. T. U. ATTENTION.**  
(Adair Beacon.)

Charles Parker, a section foreman of Golden, went to Quincy the other day, and while there drank enough to become more or less intoxicated. He also brought two quarts home with him, and of which he drank freely during the day. He was put to bed in

## December Reductions and Special Sales of Women's Coats, Suits, Skirts, Dresses, Furs and Millinery

Decided reductions in every department such as are seldom offered before February. An opportunity to save on warm winter wearables right now when you need them.



### Suits Reduced 1/4 and 1/3

Decidedly good and desirable suits, the season's best models in novelty mixtures, corduroys and velvets now being offered at one-third less than regular prices. Hundreds of handsome serges, broadcloth and cheviot suits in plain colors—suits that are in style the year round at reductions of 1/4 to 1-3.

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\$5.00 for coats that sold up to \$8.98.  
\$7.50 for coats that sold up to \$12.98.  
\$9.98 for coats that sold up to \$19.98.  
\$14.98 for coats that sold up to \$25.00.

## Furs More Reasonably Priced Than Ever

Bee Hive Furs are always dependable furs and if you haven't bought yours yet you will be interested in the special values we offer this week.

The very best styles and novelty effects in Blue, Black and Isabella Fox Sets and Black and natural Wolf Sets that formerly sold at \$37.50, \$39.98 and \$42.50 now reduced to ..... \$29.98  
Black and Natural Wolf and Fox Sets that formerly sold at \$25.00, \$27.50, \$30.00 and \$35.00 now reduced to ..... \$19.98  
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Many other special offerings in sets and separate neckpieces and muffs at all prices from \$1.50 to \$47.50

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\$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98

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Why not a new hat when you can buy them now at half price? All trimmed and untrimmed hats, both women's and children's, included. Felts, velours, beavers and fur hats.

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Handsome street dresses as pictured here and other styles of fine quality all wool serge, in many colors and black—dresses that are both becoming and practical—specially priced at \$4.98.



## THE BEE HIVE

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### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(From The Argus Files of 1886.)

Dec. 6.—The Farmers' Detective association is the name of an institution, the articles of incorporation for which were filed with Circuit Clerk Bowman yesterday. The object is to do special detective service among the farmers, the capital stock being \$625, divided into 25 shares of \$25 each. The principal place of business is to be Rock Island.

J. P. Weyerhaeuser left for Chicago last evening.

The Union Street Railway company has filed its bond in the sum of \$25,000, with G. H. French, W. H. Decker, G. W. French and Eugene Lewis as sureties, for the privilege of running its motors within the city limits to Seventh avenue.

Dec. 7.—Rock Island seems to be having a genuine railroad boom. Articles were filed with Circuit Clerk Bowman this morning for the incorporation in Rock Island county of the Chicago, Santa Fe & California Railroad company, which, however, is an outgrowth of the Atchison & Santa Fe's eastern movement, and Rock Island is made an objective point of each. The capital of the Chicago, Santa Fe & California company is placed at \$30,000,000.

Dec. 8.—The service of W. C. Brown, for two years and a half superintendent of the St. Louis and Rock Island division of the C. & Q., has been justly recognized in his promotion to the superintendency of the Iowa lines of the Burlington route, with headquarters at Burlington.

Dec. 9.—Postmaster Hawes has received notice that the postoffice inspector to visit Rock Island for the purpose of investigating the city's claims to the free delivery service, will be here Monday. It is necessary

that all houses be numbered, and the names of the streets placed upon the street corners. The attention of the mayor is respectfully called to this matter.

There was a large attendance at the rink last evening and all were pleased with the manner the institution is conducted under the Messrs. Collins and Lee's management. A band of music added to the enjoyment.

Dec. 10.—The Moline and Rock Island Street railway is having stoves placed in their large cars, Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12. The stoves are the same kind as on the Union Street railway, and are to be put in a similar position as those on the new line.

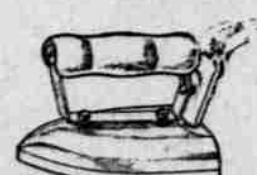
D. F. McLarty, president of the Rockford Knife & Shear company, is in the city for the purpose of conferring with President Ferguson of the Rock Island Silver Plating works in relation to forming a consolidation of his business and that represented by Mr. Ferguson. In such case another industry will be brought to Rock Island.

Dec. 11.—John Bleuer, leader of Bleuer's Rock Island band and orchestra, who has always furnished the music for the Edginton Social club, was pleasantly surprised on the occasion of one of the regular dances of the society last evening and presented with an elegant reclining chair in token of the faithful and satisfactory services rendered.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Dr. E. Bradford and Miss Icy Vanatta at the home of the bride's parents at Reynolds Wednesday evening, Dec. 29.

Dr. McCandless of this city is to be married to Miss Jessie Young, daughter of Superintendent J. B. Young of the Davenport city schools, next Wednesday evening.

### ELECTRIC IRONS



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